

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN VICKI COCCHIARELLA**, on January 17, 2007 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)  
Sen. Roy Brown (R)  
Sen. John Esp (R)  
Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)  
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)  
Sen. Don Ryan (D)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)  
Sen. Carolyn Squires (D)  
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)  
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Claudia Johnson, Committee Secretary  
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 108, 1/9/2007; SB 127, 1/9/2007;  
SB 68, 1/9/2007  
Executive Action: None.

00:01:42 Vice Chair Tropila

**HEARING ON SB 108**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:03:22 **SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA (D), SD 47**, opened the hearing on **SB 108**, Revise work comp laws-ind. contractors-med. fees-impaired insurers-etc.

**EXHIBIT**(bus11a01)

**Proponents:**

00:06:03 Jerry Keck, Administrator, Employment Relations Division, Department of Labor and Industry (DOL)

00:16:11 George Wood, Executive Director, Montana Self-Insurers Association

00:16:50 Larry Kibbee, Property Casualty Insurers Association of America (PCIAA)

00:17:23 Nancy Butler, Montana State Fund

00:17:46 Jacquelyn Lenmark, American Insurers Association

00:19:54 Riley Johnson, Montana Newspaper Association

00:20:18 Jason Miller, Montana AFL-CIO

00:21:23 Bob Worthington, Montana Municipal Insurance Authority (MMIA)

00:22:24 Jon Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:23:36 Don Judge, Teamsters Local 190, and Montana Injured Workers Resource Council

**Opponents:**

00:29:19 Dick Brown, Senior Vice President, An Association of Montana Health Care Providers (MHA)

00:33:37 Andrea Olson, Montana Trial Lawyers Association

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:37:30 Sen. Balyeat to Jerry Keck, DLI  
00:42:25 Sen. Squires to Jerry Keck, DLI  
00:48:35 Sen. Squires to Sen. Cocchiarella  
00:52:47 Sen. Esp to Sen. Cocchiarella  
00:58:03 Sen. Esp to Nancy Butler, Montana State Fund  
00:59:40 Sen. Ryan to Nancy Butler, Montana State Fund  
01:00:23 Sen. Ryan to Sen. Cocchiarella  
01:01:47 Sen. Squires to Nancy Butler, Montana State Fund  
01:03:02 Sen. Squires to Jerry Keck, DLI  
01:08:24 Sen. Jackson to Dick Brown, MHA  
01:09:33 Sen. Jackson to Bob Olsen, MHA  
01:12:10 Sen. Smith to Nancy Butler, Montana State Fund  
01:13:13 Sen. Ryan to Dick Brown, MHA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:14:10 Sen. Cocchiarella  
01:18:00 10 minute break

**HEARING ON SB 127**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:29:37 **SEN. DAVID WANZENRIED (D), SD 49**, opened the hearing on **SB 127**, Revise out-of-state winery access to Montana retailers.

**Proponents:**

01:32:36 Shauna Helfert, Department of Revenue, DOR  
01:40:36 Kristi Blazer, Montana Beer and Wine Association

**EXHIBIT (bus11a02)**

**EXHIBIT (bus11a03)**

01:55:05 Andy Spoonseller, Winery Owner

01:55:52 Mona Jamison, Out-of-State Wineries

**EXHIBIT**(bus11a04)

**Opponents:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:03:25 Sen. Balyeat to Kristi Blazer, Montana Beer and Wine Association

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:06:23 Sen. Wanzienried

**HEARING ON SB 68**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:07:20 **SEN. DAVID WANZENRIED (D), SD 49**, opened the hearing on **SB 68**, Clarify confidentiality terms in private equity investments using public funds.

**Proponents:**

02:10:25 Carroll South, Executive Director, Montana Board of Investments

**EXHIBIT**(bus11a05)

**Opponents:**

02:22:00 John Barrows, Executive Director, Montana Newspaper Association

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:28:57 Sen. Brown to Sen. Wanzienried

02:29:39 Sen. Ryan to Carroll South, BOI

02:34:12 Sen. Balyeat to Carroll South, BOI

02:34:42 Sen. Balyeat to Sen. Wanzenried  
02:40:13 Sen. Jackson to Sen. Wanzenried  
02:40:57 Sen. Cocchiarella to Carroll South, BOI  
02:42:45 Sen. Balyeat  
02:43:17 Sen. Smith to Carroll South, BOI  
02:44:37 Sen. Tropila to Carroll South, BOI  
02:45:33 Sen. Brown to Carroll South, BOI  
02:46:26 Sen. Cocchiarella to Carroll South, BOI

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:52:11 Sen. Wanzenried

**Discussion:**

02:54:04 Chairwoman Cocchiarella

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:54 A.M.

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SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA, Chairman

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CLAUDIA JOHNSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([bus11aad.pdf](#))**